

## **Alton Parkway Gap Closure** ***(Currently Underway)***

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion on Bake Parkway, the City is working with the County of Orange (County) to complete the Alton Parkway Gap Closure between Irvine Boulevard (in the City of Irvine) and Towne Centre Drive (in the City of Lake Forest).

The County will manage the design and construction contract for Phase 1 of the project – from Irvine Boulevard to Commercentre Drive. The scope of the work includes constructing a major arterial highway of six through travel lanes, raised median, curb and gutter, sidewalk, bike lane, road and slope drainage, and biological mitigation lands. On July 31, 2009, the County opened bids for construction of phase 1 of the project. Construction is schedule to start November 2009 and be completed by December 2010.

Phase 2 of the Alton Parkway Gap Closure project consists of extending Bake Parkway from Commercentre Drive to Towne Centre. This project area is within Shea/Baker Ranch and is part of their proposed development agreement.

